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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6724th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council mission

Briefing by Security Council mission to Haiti (13–16 February 2012)

Morning[1] . . . . . 6725th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Morning[2] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Middle East

Other matters

3 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Security Council missions

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6724th meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6725th meeting.

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the most efficient modalities for the intergovernmental follow-up process of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The initial list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), will be established by a drawing of lots, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011. A special meeting for this purpose will be held toward the end of March 2012, at a time and venue to be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Delegations are therefore requested to inform the Secretariat of the level of their participation at the debate in the plenary of the Conference in writing and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A), *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, 9 March 2012*.

A detailed note, dated 31 January 2012, concerning the procedures to be followed for establishing the list of speakers for the plenary meetings was sent to the e-mail addresses of all permanent missions and delegations.

For further information, please co ct Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/67/50.

A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives . . . . . [3 (a)]

(i) Piority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

(E/CN.6/2012/2, E/CN.6/2012/3, E/CN.6/2011/4, E/CN.6/2012/5, E/CN.6/2012/6, E/CN.6/2012/7, E/CN.6/2012/8, E/CN.6/2012/9, E/CN.6/2012/10, E/CN.6/2012/11, A/HRC/19/31–E/CN.6/2012/12, A/HRC/19/30–E/CN.6/2012/13, E/CN.6/2012/14, E/CN.6/2012/15, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.1, E/CN.6/2012/CRP.3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/1, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/2, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/3, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/4, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/5, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/6, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/7, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/8, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/9, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/10, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/11, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/12, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/13, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/14, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/15, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/16, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/17, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/18, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/19, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/20, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/21, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/22, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/23, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/24, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/25, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/26, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/27, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/28, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/29, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/30, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/31, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/32, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/33, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/34, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/35, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/36, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/37, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/38, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/39, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/40, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/41, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/42, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/43, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/44, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/45, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/46, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/47, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/48, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/49, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/50, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/51, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/52, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/53, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/54, E/CN.6/2012/NGO/55,

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Panel 1: Priority theme: "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges."

3–6 p.m. . . . . 5th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

[See documents listed for the morning meeting.]

Continuation of general dicussion

[Additional information on the work of the Commission, including on the participation of non-governmental organizations and the list of parallel events, can be found on the following Web site: <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/56sess.htm>.]

Statistical Commission
Forty-third session

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

1. Election of officers . . . . . [1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.3/2012/1 and E/CN.3/2012/L.1) . . . . . [2]
3. Items for discussion and decision . . . . . [3]
   (a) Programme review: population and housing censuses (E/CN.3/2012/2)
   (b) Crime statistics (E/CN.3/2012/3)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2nd meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Items for discussion and decision . . . . . [3]

(c) National accounts (E/CN.3/2012/4 and E/CN.3/2012/5)

(d) Agricultural statistics (E/CN.3/2012/6 and E/CN.3/2012/7)

(e) Environmental-economic accounting (E/CN.3/2012/8)

(f) Environment statistics (E/CN.3/2012/9)

[The list of side events on the occasion of the forty-third session of the Commission can be consulted at <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/SideEvents_2012.htm>.]

Committee on the United Nations Population Award

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held *today*, 28 February 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 28 February 2012

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

8.45–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Group of Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Other activities

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Tuesday, 28 February 2012

UNITAR/WIPO seminar on international intellectual property

From 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-2525.

[The seminar is open to members of permanent missions only. To register, please visit <www.unitar.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Forum on "Investing in child development and learning: Assuring equity in decent work and in sustainable development" (in preparation for the 2012 Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review) (co-organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Vijaya Singh, UNICEF (e-mail vijsingh@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 303-7915) or Ms. Deborah Dishman UNICEF (e-mail ddishman@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 326-7440).]

Briefing and discussion on "Development perspectives post-2015" (with participants from the Expert Group Meeting to support the advancement of a post-2015 United Nations development agenda) (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners, DESA (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946); or Mr. Eric Olson, DESA (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Tuesday, 28 February 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest*: Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, Global Compact Office (on the business role at Rio+20; and the Global Compact's plans for a Rio+20 Corporate Sustainability Forum, to be held from 15 to 18 June 2012)]

12.30 p.m. . . . . Ms. Angélique Kidjo, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador; Mr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA; H.E. Ms. Elsa Fornero, Minister of Labour, Social Policies and Gender Equality of Italy; H.E. Mr. Cesare Maria Ragaglini, Permanent Representative of Italy; and Ms. Saran Dioubate, FGM survivor (in support of Global Efforts to End Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)) [co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy, UNFPA and UNICEF]

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-sixth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 5 March 2012. Unless otherwise indicated, all formal meetings of the Committee will now be held in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/66/L.28.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including an advance copy of the status of documentation, as well as the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

The Preparatory Committee will hold its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document from Monday, 19 March, to Friday, 23 March 2012, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document is available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Member States are requested to send their written amendments to chapters III, IV and V of the zero draft of the outcome document to the Rio+20 Secretariat (e-mails tahtinen@un.org and uncsd2012@un.org), *no later than Wednesday, 29 February 2012*. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Sixth session

Sierra Leone configuration

An informal meeting of the Sierra Leone configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold an interactive panel discussion on global governance, on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), and the interactive discussion will be moderated by the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Eric Olson, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail olsone@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0013).

Briefing

The Economic and Social Council will hold a briefing on the mandates, functions and activities of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), on Wednesday, 7 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The briefing will be conducted by the President of INCB, Professor Hamid Ghodse, and will be chaired by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-sixth session

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegation of Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), will be held on Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB); and on Friday, 2 March, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Gender equality and empowerment of women in natural disaster", convened by the delegation of Japan, will be held as follows: Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Japan (866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 230); Friday, 2 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Monday, 5 March, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); Wednesday, 7 March, from 10 to 11.15 a.m. in Conference Room A (NLB); and Thursday, 8 March, from 3 to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (at the permanent representative level)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Briefing for delegations on facilitation for the arrivals of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 29 February 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further details please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail budat@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407.]

Informative (non-technical) discussion on "Reducing short-lived pollutants to slow climate change while improving crop yields and health (organized by the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO))

Thursday, 1 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Roy S. Lee, AALCO (e-mail royslee@optonline.net; tel. 1 (203) 595-9800).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

Friday, 2 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Alice Revell, Permanent Mission of New Zealand (e-mail alice.revell@mfat.govt.nz ; tel. 1 (212) 317-3095).]

Workshop on "The trade dimension of Rio+20: Key issues for the outcome document" (co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC))

Friday, 16 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[The workshop is open to members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For registration and further information, please visit <www.unctad.org/greeneconomy>; or contact Ms.Ena Sawh, New York Office of UNCTAD (e-mail trade.environment@unctad.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

News resources for the United Nations community (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 28 February 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012; and

Thursday, 22 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Tuesday, 6 March 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 8 March 2012; and

Tuesday, 27 March 2012.

Searching UNBISnet (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012);

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012).

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 27 February 2012

Security Council

6723rd meeting

Peace consolidation in West Africa

Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea

Letter dated 18 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2012/45)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Benin, the Congo and Nigeria, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Abdel Fatau Musah, Director of Political Affairs for the Economic Community of West African States, and Ms. Florentina Adenike Ukonga, Deputy Executive Secretary for Political Affairs for the Gulf of Guinea Commission.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Mr. Abdel Fatau Musah and by Ms. Florentina Adenike Ukonga.

Statements were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, the United States, China, France, Pakistan, Portugal, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, India, South Africa, Guatemala, Morocco, Colombia and Germany, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Togo.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Issifou Kogui N'Douro, Ministre d'État in charge of National Defense of Benin, and by the representatives of the Congo and Nigeria.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women

Fifty-sixth session

2nd meeting

The session was opened by the Chair of the Commission, H.E. Ms. Marjon V. Kamara (Liberia), who made a statement.

The President of the Economic and Social Council and the Deputy-Secretary General of the United Nations addressed the Commission.

Election of officers . . . . . [1]

The Commission elected, by acclamation, Ms. Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines) and Mr. Filippo Cinti (Italy) as Vice-Chairs of the Commission.

The Commission agreed to appoint Mr. Filippo Cinti (Italy) to serve as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

Working Group on Communications

The Commission was reminded that Ms. Li Xiaomei (China) (for the Asia-Pacific States) and Ms. Noa Furman (Israel) (for the Western European and other States) had been appointed, the previous year, to serve on the Working Group on Communications.

The Commission appointed Ms. Fatima Alfeine (Comoros) (for the African States), Mr. Grigory Lukyantsev (Russian Federation) (for the Eastern European States) and Mr. Rubén Armando Escalante Hasbún (El Salvador) (for the Latin American and the Caribbean States) to serve two-year terms on the Working Group on Communications.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [2]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.6/2012/1, and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2012/1/Add.1, on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, if necessary, during the course of the session.

The Commission appointed H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) to facilitate the negotiations of the agreed conclusions on the priority theme.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [3]

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 3 and heard the introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for the Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

The keynote speakers, Ms. Anne Tutwiler, Deputy Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, and Ms. Elisabeth Atangana, President of the Plateforme régionale des organisations paysanne d'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC), made statements.

General discussion

The Commission began its general discussion of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Tunisia (on behalf of the African States), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Chile (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States), Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Samoa (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum) and Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community).

Statements were also made by the observers for the Gambia, Swaziland, and France.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chair.

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives . . . . . [3 (a)]

(i) Piority theme: the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges

Parallel high-level round tables

Round table A

The Chair of the Commission, H.E. Ms. Marjon Kamara (Liberia), made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the delegations of the following countries made statements and posed questions: Brazil, Norway, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Portugal, Mexico, Egypt, South Africa, Cuba, China, Mozambique, Cameroon, Nigeria, Sudan, Angola, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Congo, Ukraine, Georgia,

Switzerland, Zambia, India, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Islamic Republic of Iran, United States and Dominican Republic.

The observer for the European Union also made a statement.

Ms. Sheila Sisulu, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme, responded to questions raised and summarized the discussion.

The Chair made concluding remarks.

Round table B

The Vice-Chair of the Commission, H.E. Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), made an opening statement.

An interactive dialogue ensued, in which the delegations of the following countries participated: Tunisia, Bangladesh, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Nicaragua, Finland, Swaziland, Kenya, Italy, Pakistan, Niger, United Republic of Tanzania, Guatemala, Sudan, Uganda, Burkina Faso, Slovenia, Spain, Thailand, Japan, Australia, Turkey, Malaysia, New Zealand, Colombia, Uruguay and El Salvador.

Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Women, summarized the key points of the discussion.

A concluding statement was made by the Vice-Chair.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure (New York, 19 December 2011)

Opening for signature

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Protocol, which was adopted at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations by resolution 66/138 of 19 December 2011, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, *today*, 28 February 2012, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

In accordance with its article 18 (1), the Protocol shall be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child or either of the two Optional Protocols thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

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